

30 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/PRD

SUBJECT: October Findings, S&T

1. In the DIN and NIB review, the number of S&T items that could be characterized as S&T were limited--less than 20. This was not unexpected on my part because of the publications that we selected to review. The DIN had most of the articles included within the NIB, plus additional items. The two most significant S&T events to occur in October-- were treated in the DIN but not in the NIB.

2. The reason these two articles were excluded from the NIB is that TK material is excluded from the NIB. Thus, by definition, many items that are TK derived or supported by TK analysis are precluded from the NIB. Both items were presented in the NID. If the NIB is truly going to be a national intelligence journal as advertised, the question of TK material should be reexamined. Otherwise, the publication will become primarily a political journal, not an intelligence publication.

3. The quality of S&T items in this monthly review was mixed. Some items--the NIB on Soviet Uses of PNEs to mine diamonds--were well done. Most, however, were factual regurgitations of raw intelligence information, sizes, events, holes in the ground, etc. Technical detail tended to dominate the S&T articles.

4. Actually, the scientific intelligence publishers have their own publication organs and feel much more comfortable supporting "their own." Submitting a technical publication through to be published in the NIB, for example, is a difficult task. Actually, many technical intelligence developments--and I am not trying to exaggerate--have equal or greater significance than many items that make the NIB or NID. However, no advocates for technical articles manage these publications under review. One continues to segregate the technical from political intelligence, and one will always face this dilemma.

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5. Recommendations for the future:

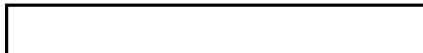
--Reopen the boundaries of the NIB to include TK material; otherwise you are creating by definition a non-technical journal.

--Integrate technical analysis more extensively into national products.

--Recommend that the articles address the significance of the event rather than the detail.

--While it is difficult in a current intelligence analysis, there is apparent lack of integration within a given NIB issue. No threads binding the publication together seem to exist.

--The product review we are pursuing lacks a significant input--consumer evaluation of the product. We can spend the rest of our review evaluating the product through our own rose colored glasses. ~~only for~~
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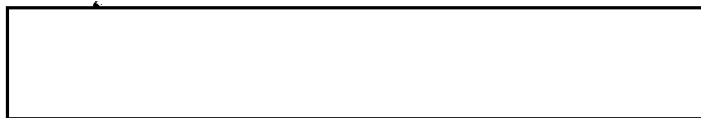
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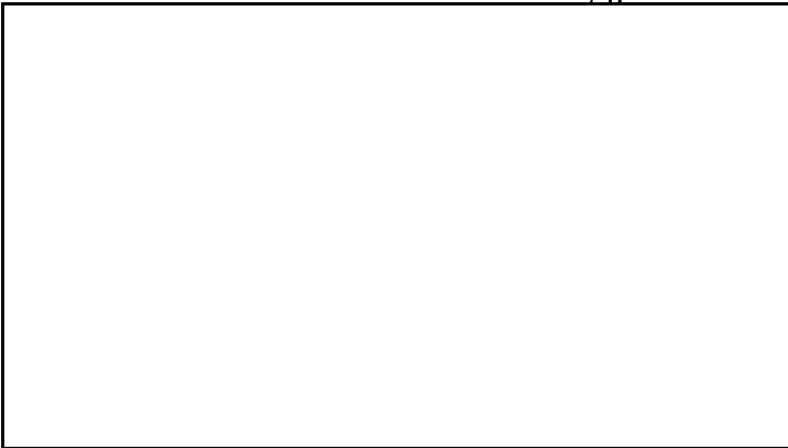
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3 December 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Product Review Division

SUBJECT : November Review of Current Intelligence
Reporting on Conventional Forces

~~15~~ During ~~the month of~~ November, 102 articles related to conventional forces capabilities or activities appeared in the national-level current intelligence publications. (NID, NIB, DIN). The association by countries is as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>No. of Articles</u>
	
TOTAL	102

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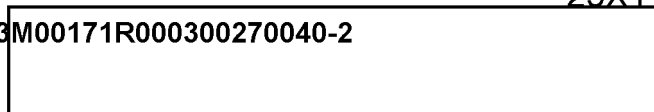
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3. Only five of the total articles were considered to be of major value to national-level policy and decision-makers. Three of these appeared in the NID, the other

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